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In re the Application of: NOMURA, Fumio, et al.

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FOR: MARKER PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSING LIVER DISEASE AND METHOD OF

DIAGNOSING LIVER DISEASE USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 2, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 8, 2008**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.